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TAGS: PINT PINS SHUM EG
SUBJECT: ISLAMIC RIGHT WING DISCONTENT

1. GOE MAY HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF CONSERVATIVE ISLAMIC MILITANCY. FIRST OPEN INDICATION IS ARTICLE IN FEBRUARY ISSUE OF PRO-IKHWAN AL-ITISAM COMPLAINING BITTERLY AGAINST INTERFERENCE WITH ISLAMIC SOCIETY CANDIDATES DURING RECENT STUDENT ELECTIONS. ARTICLE CITED SPECIFIC CASES IN ALEXANDRIA, CAIRO AND ZAGAZIG UNIVERSITIES WHERE MUSLIMS SCORED DECISIVE VICTORIES DESPITE ALLEGED "MASSIVE TAMPERING" BY UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES AND GOE (ALTHOUGH LATTER NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED).

2. SOME REFERENCES WERE PARTICULARLY SHARP. ARTICLE ASKED HOW SUCH "REJECTION OF VIRTUE AND SUBLIME PRINCIPLES" SQUARED WITH "VALUES OF FREEDOM AND RULE OF LAW WHICH WERE PROMISED" (BY SADAT). CON-

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SPIRACY IS ONE AGAINST "PIONEERS WHO REPRESENT FUTURE OF THIS NATION . . . AND WHICH PRESIDENT DESCRIBED UNDER DARKEST CIRCUMSTANCES (JANUARY 1977 RIOTS) AS SOUND AND CLEAN." ARTICLE GLORIFIED IMPORTANCE OF ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES OVER "LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER (PARTIES) OR ANY OTHER NAMES WHICH ARE STRANGE TO OUR HISTORY."

3. COMMENT: OLD QUESTION OF WHETHER GOE CREATED FRANKEN-
STEIN BY ALLOWING RIGHT WING MUSLIMS TO ORGANIZE ON
CAMPUSES IN OPPOSITION TO LEFTISTS REMAINS UNANSWERED.
ABOVE ACCUSATIONS SUGGEST GOE NOW CONCERNED THAT RESUR-
GENT ORTHODOXY REPRESENTS ESPECIALLY POWERFUL DOMESTIC
CHALLENGE AND ATTEMPTING REDUCE ITS INSTITUTIONAL GRASP
ON YOUTH. IN ATTEMPTING TO CHECK "MUSLIM"
INFLUENCE, GOE RUNS RISK OF AWAKENING BROAD LATENT APPEAL
SUPER-ORTHODOXY HAS LONG HELD HERE. EILTS

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